

At a meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY, 2018 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Fletcher in the Chair

Councillors Atkinson, Blackburn, Emerson, I. Galbraith, P. Gibson, Heron, Howe, Johnston, Lawson, O'Brien, Scaplehorn, Turner and M. Turton.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillor Elliott

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 6th March, 2017

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 6th March, 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Licensing Act 2003 – Possible Revision of Licensing Policy to Include a Special Policy Relating to Cumulative Impact

The Executive Director of Economy and Place submitted a report (copy circulated) which sought the agreement of the Committee that the Council should commence the process whereby it may revise the Licensing Act 2003 Licensing Policy to include a special policy in relation to cumulative impact of licenced premises.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Richard Reading, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager, presented the report and advised that every five years the Council's Licensing Policy needed to be updated and that as part of the continuous review of the policy the implementation of a Cumulative Impact Policy was being considered following requests from the Director of Public Health.

Councillor P. Gibson commented that if a cumulative impact policy was introduced then it would make Councillors jobs easier at Licensing Sub-Committees as it would

be possible to reject applications which would likely harm the local area rather than the current situation of needing to show evidence of harm that would be caused.

2. RESOLVED that the Council should commence the process whereby it may revise the Licensing Policy to include a special policy relating to the cumulative impact of licenced premises.

(Signed) J. FLETCHER,
Chairman.